

Y-12 Site Office News Release

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EDLUND RECEIVES NNSA BRONZE MEDAL AWARD FOR EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE THE Y-12 NATIONAL SECURITY COMPLEX

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. -- Robert A. Edlund, senior program manager with the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Y-12 Site Office, has received the NNSA Bronze Medal for his efforts to revitalize the Y-12 National Security Complex.

The award was presented to Edlund by NNSA Administrator Linton Brooks in a ceremony held recently in Washington, D.C. "This honor truly belongs to the entire team at Y-12 that has worked so hard since the program's inception," said Edlund.

Edlund serves as the Y-12 Manager for Facilities and Infrastructure Recapitalization Program--a NNSA-wide program to restore and rebuild the physical infrastructure of the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Complex. During the past six years, Edlund has been responsible for approximately \$300 million of new construction, facility demolition, and maintenance related work at Y-12.

"Under Bob's management, we have reduced our deferred maintenance backlog, embarked on an aggressive demolition program and made key investments in replacement facilities. This has become a major success story in our efforts to modernize Y-12," said Ted Sherry, manager of the Y-12 Site Office.

Edlund has been member of the Y-12 Site Office staff since 1995. He previously held engineering management-related positions with the Department of Energy's (DOE) Oak Ridge Operations. Before joining DOE in 1992, Edlund worked in the nuclear power program for the Tennessee Valley Authority and last served as acting lead mechanical/nuclear engineer at the TVA's Sequoyah Nuclear Plant near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Edlund received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Memphis and a master's degree in engineering management from the University of Alabama – Huntsville. Edlund and his wife Anita live in Farragut where he serves on the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission.

The mission of the NNSA's Y-12 Site Office is to ensure the safe, secure and cost-effective operation of the Y-12 National Security Complex. Y-12 is a key facility in the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Complex and is responsible for ensuring the safety and reliability of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. YSO employees perform program oversight, contract and administrative management and technical evaluation and assessment to meet this mission.

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Photo of award presentation available upon request

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